

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT: AREA/DIVISION TASER CONTROL - REVISED

PURPOSE: This Order revises procedures for the management of the TASER Electronic Control Device. It further reassigns responsibility to the Areas/divisions for the field deployment, control, and maintenance of the TASER. This Order revises Office of Operations Order No. 16, July 21, 1994, *AREA/DIVISION TASER CONTROL*.

The TASER is an important Use of Force tool; it is a less-lethal control device, which may be used to control a violent or potentially violent suspect. Therefore, it is essential that the TASER be made an available resource to field officers.

PROCEDURE:

I. Commanding Officer's Responsibilities. Area/division commanding officers shall:

- * Coordinate the repair and replacement of damaged TASERS with Training Division through the Area/divisional armorer;
- * Conduct monthly TASER audits; and,

Note: The audit should include, but not be limited to, the number of available TASERS, the number of properly functioning TASERS, the number of B/O TASERS, and the number of TASERS sent to Training Division for repair or replacement.

- * On a quarterly basis, forward the results of the TASER audits to the respective bureau.

II. Area/divisional Armorer's Responsibilities. The Area/divisional Armorer's responsibilities, as listed in 4/246.20 of the Department Manual, shall be amended to indicate the following:

- * Return defective or damaged TASER dart cassettes to the Defensive Tactics Section, Training Division, Davis Training Facility;
- * Obtain service and/or replacements for defective or damaged TASERS and their components from Training Division; and,

- * Calibrate all TASERS, biannually, to Training Division's specifications.

All other information in this section will remain the same.

III. Bureau Commanding Officer's Responsibilities. Bureau commanding officers shall ensure that Areas/divisions under their command forward the results of the TASER audits to the bureau on a quarterly basis. The bureau shall forward a consolidated report of the TASER audits to the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, on a quarterly basis.

IV. Training Division's Responsibilities. Training Division shall review and maintain the TASER audits. Additionally, Training Division personnel shall provide training and assistance in calibrating and resolving any other TASER related logistical problems.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Section 4/246.20 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: Each bureau commanding officer shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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